Notification of Request for Authorization under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act

Date posted: June 9, 2006

Institution: University of Phoenix

Nature of Request: Authorization to advertise and recruit in Washington State for six additional degree programs offered via distance learning through the Axia College of the University of Phoenix

**Programs
to be Offered:** Associate of Arts in Accounting
Associate of Arts in Business
Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice
Associate of Arts in General Studies
Associate of Arts in Health Administration
Associate of Arts in Information Technology

**Mode of
Delivery:** Distance learning

Currently Authorized Programs:
<u>Resident and distance learning programs:</u>
Bachelor of Science in Business-Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Business-Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business-Communication
Bachelor of Science in Business-E-Business
Bachelor of Science in Business-Global Business Management
Bachelor of Science in Business-Hospitality Management
Bachelor of Science in Business-Information Systems
Bachelor of Science in Business-Integrated Supply Chain and Operations Management
Bachelor of Science in Business-Management
Bachelor of Science in Business-Marketing
Bachelor of Science in Business-Public Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business-Retail Management
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration
Bachelor of Science in Health Administration
Bachelor of Science in Health Administration-Long Term Care
Bachelor of Science in Human Services
Bachelor of Science in Human Services-Management
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology-Visual Communication
Bachelor of Science in Management
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Security and Management
Master of Arts in Education-Curriculum & Instruction-Adult Education
Master of Arts in Education-Curriculum & Instruction-Computer Education
Master of Arts in Education-Curriculum & Instruction-English as a Second Language
Master of Arts in Education-Early Childhood Education
Master of Arts in Education-Elementary Teacher Education
Master of Arts in Education-Secondary Teacher Education

Master of Arts in Education-Special Education, Cross Categorical
Master of Business Administration
Master of Business Administration-Accounting
Master of Business Administration-Global Management
Master of Business Administration-Health Care Management
Master of Business Administration-Human Resources Management
Master of Business Administration-Marketing
Master of Business Administration-Public Administration
Master of Business Administration-Technology Management
Executive Master of Business Administration
Master of Health Administration
Master of Information Systems
Master of Management
Master of Management-Human Resources Management
Master of Management-Public Administration
Master of Science-Administration of Justice and Security
Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Health Administration

Distance learning programs:
Associate of Arts in General Studies
Bachelor of Science in Business-Finance
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Arts in Education-Administration and Supervision
Master of Arts in Education-Curriculum and Instruction
Master of Arts in Education-Curriculum and Technology
Master of Arts in Education-E-Education
Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing-Health Care Education
Master of Science in Nursing-Integrative Health Care
Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration with a
     specialization in Health Care Management
Doctor of Business Administration
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership-Curriculum and Instruction
Doctor of Health Administration
Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership
Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership-Information Systems and Technology

Background:

University of Phoenix has operated in Washington State since 1996. It has been accredited by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges (NCA) since 1978. It currently offers programs in Washington State at locations in Bellevue, Bremerton, Mountlake Terrace, Renton, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver.

Nature of the Review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer, advertise or recruit for new degree programs in Washington State, the Higher Education Coordinating Board/Degree Authorization reviews elements such as

program outcomes, course requirements, method of course delivery, faculty credentials, and student services.

The programs to be advertised and recruited for in Washington state by University of Phoenix appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional programs can be found at the end of this notification.

Timeline:

The HECB plans to make a decision on this request by June 23, 2006.

Any individuals with knowledge that may indicate the institution and/or the program does not meet the authorization requirements of WAC 250-61 are requested to submit comments to: DAA@hecb.wa.gov.

If you would like to know more about the current law and regulations that govern the program, the statute is RCW 28B.85 and the regulation is WAC 250-61. They can both be found at the following link: Statutes and Regulations.

General Education Course Requirement for all six programs – 30 credits total:

- Communication Arts - 12 Credits
  COM 120   Effective Persuasive Writing
  COM 125   Utilizing Information in College Writing
  COM 215   Written Communication
  CRT 205   Critical Thinking

- Social & Behavioral Sciences - 3 Credits
  Choice of one of the following courses:
  ETH 125   Cultural Diversity
  BEH 225   Introduction to Behavioral Sciences
  SOC 120   Introduction to Sociology

- Humanities - 3 Credits
  Choice of one of the following courses:
  HUM 205   World Culture and the Arts
  HUM 130   Religions of the World
  LIT 210   World Literature
  PHI 105   Introduction to Philosophy

- Mathematics - 6 Credits
  Choice of one of the following pairs:
  MAT 115   Basic Mathematics
  MAT 116   Algebra IA
  Or:
  MAT 116   Algebra IA
  MAT 117   Algebra IB

- Science - 3 Credits
  Choice of one of the following courses:
  SCI 245   Geology
  SCI 275   Environmental Science

- Information Technology - 3 Credits
  IT 105   Skills for Learning in an Information Age

- Electives/Interdisciplinary - 12 Credits
  Choice from courses in: Criminal Justice; Business; Human Services; Health Care; Information Technology; and Life Science

Program Title:
Associate of Arts in Accounting (AAACC)

Number of Credits: 60 credits total

Program Outcome: "The Associate of Arts in Accounting (AAACC) degree provides students with an essential background in general knowledge in addition to a broad-based business foundation with a specialization in accounting. The program is designed to prepare a student to move directly into a bachelors degree program in accounting."

Mode of Delivery: 100% via distance learning

Required Courses:
- General Education courses – 30 credits
- Accounting Core – 18 credits
  MGT 245   Organization Theory and Behavior
  MGT 210   Supervision and Leadership
  ECO 205   Economic Theory
  ACC 225   Financial Accounting
  ACC 226   Managerial Accounting
  ACC 227   Cost Accounting
- 12 credits of electives

Program Title:
Associate of Arts in Business (AAB)

Number of Credits: 60 credits total

Program Outcome: "The Associate of Arts in Business (AAB) degree provides students with a solid background of general knowledge in addition to a broad business foundation. The online AAB program is designed so that students wishing to continue their education are prepared to move easily into the core and major course requirements of any bachelor degree program offered at University of Phoenix or other regionally accredited institutions."

Mode of Delivery: 100% via distance learning

Required Courses:
- General Education courses – 30 credits
- Business Core – 12 credits
  INB 205   International Business (residency requirement)
  Choice of three of the following courses:
  ECO 205   Economic Theory
  IT 205   Management of Information Systems
  MGT 245   Organization Theory and Behavior
  MGT 255   Political, Legal and Ethical Issues in Business
- 18 credits of electives

Program Title:
Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (AACJ)

Number of Credits: 60 credits total

Program Outcome: "The Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (AACJ) degree provides students with a solid background of general knowledge in addition to a broad business foundation targeting a career in law enforcement, probation, parole, security, the judiciary and related fields. The online AACJ program is designed so that students wishing to continue their education are prepared to move easily into the core and major course requirements of any bachelor's degree program offered at University of Phoenix or other regionally accredited institutions."

Mode of Delivery: 100% via distance learning

Required Courses:
- General Education courses – 30 credits
- Criminal Justice Core – 18 credits
    ADJ 215   Criminology
    ADJ 225   Juvenile Justice Procedures
    ADJ 235   Ethics and Administration of Justice
    ADJ 255   Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
    ADJ 265   Interpersonal Communications in Criminal Justice Systems
    ADJ 275   Criminal Procedures
- 12 credits of electives

Program Title:
Associate of Arts in General Studies (AAAGS)

Number of Credits: 60 credits total

Program Outcome: "The Associate of Arts in General Studies (AAAGS) provides military students with a solid background of general knowledge in addition to a broad business foundation. The online AAAGS program is designed so that students wishing to continue their education are prepared to move easily into the core and major course requirements of any bachelor's degree program offered at University of Phoenix or other regionally accredited institutions."

Mode of Delivery: 100% via distance learning

Required Courses:
- General Education courses – 30 credits
- Open electives totaling 30 credits

Program Title:
Associate of Arts in Health Administration (AAHA)

Number of Credits: 60 credits total

Program Outcome: "The Associate of Arts in Health Administration (AAHA) degree provides students with a solid background of general knowledge in addition to a broad business foundation and teaches specific competencies and workplace behaviors associated with a career in Health Administration. The online AAHA program is designed so that students wishing to continue their education are prepared to move easily into the core and major course requirements of any bachelor's degree program offered at University of Phoenix or other regionally accredited institutions."

Mode of Delivery: 100% via distance learning

Required Courses:
- General Education courses – 30 credits
- Health Administration Core – 18 credits
  HHS 205   The Human Service Administrator
  HHS 225   Health and Human Service in the U.S.
  HHS 235   Legal and Ethical Issues in Health and Human Services
  HHS 245   Public Policy Development in Health and Human Services
  HHS 255   Technology in Human Services
  HHS 265   The Financing of Healthcare and Human Services
- 12 credits of electives

Program Title:
Associate of Arts in Information Technology (AAIT)

Number of Credits: 60 credits total

Program Outcome: "The Associate of Arts in Information Technology (AAIT) degree provides students with a solid background of general knowledge in addition to a broad business foundation to prepare the graduate to enter the field of information technology, network environments, database management and digital media. The online AAIT program is designed so that students wishing to continue their education are prepared to move easily into the core and major course requirements of any bachelor degree program offered at University of Phoenix or other regionally accredited institutions."

Mode of Delivery: 100% via distance learning

Required Courses:
- General Education courses – 30 credits
- Information Technology Core – 18 credits
  IT 205   Management of Information Systems
  IT 215   Java Programming
  IT 210   Fundamentals of Programming with Algorithms and Logic
  IT 230   Internet Concepts
  IT 221   Analysis and Design of Information Systems
  IT 230   Computer Networking
- 12 credits of electives